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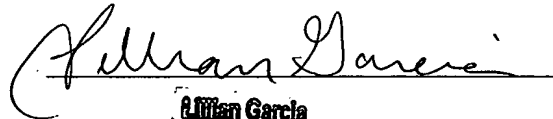
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[X] Nonpublication Request under 37 C.F.R. § 1.213(a) for the
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Also transmitted herewith are:

[X] 7 sheets of:

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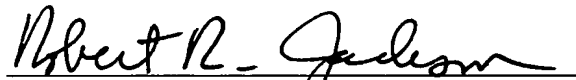
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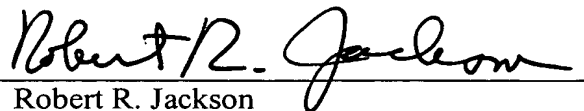
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**NONPUBLICATION REQUEST
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.213(a)**

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.213(a), applicants hereby request that the above-identified patent application, which is being filed concurrently herewith, not be published under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b). It is hereby certified that the invention disclosed in the application has not been and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.

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